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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of March 20 through 26, 2016, as "Poison
2 Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The health and safety of this Commonwealth's
4 residents, especially children, are of utmost concern; and

5 WHEREAS, Accidental poisonings from pharmaceuticals,
6 household products and plants are pressing threats to public
7 health; and

8 WHEREAS, Of these accidental poisonings, 94% occur in the
9 home, with 35% involving children under three years of age; and

10 WHEREAS, Many of these poisonings could be avoided through
11 education and simple safety precautions; and

12 WHEREAS, The poison control centers serving this Commonwealth
13 give immediate information and treatment advice from toxicology
14 professionals regarding suspected toxic exposure to drugs,
15 chemicals and plants; and

16 WHEREAS, These poison control centers provide services 24
17 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year; and

1 WHEREAS, These poison control centers provide services that
2 allow for poison exposures to be treated in the home, avoiding
3 unnecessary health care costs and averting panic; therefore be
4 it

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of March 20
6 through 26, 2016, as "Poison Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania
7 and express appreciation to the poison control centers in this
8 Commonwealth for their efforts to promote the reduction of
9 morbidity and mortality from poisonings through the
10 dissemination of information about poison prevention and
11 treatment advice, public and professional education and
12 scientific research.